This recommendation has been accepted by the Government of India in principle. However, keeping in view the resources position, there is no proposal under consideration for setting up Centrally Controlled Medical Universities in the Country.

(b) According to information available, only the Government of Andhra Pradesh has set up a University of Health Sciences.

Circular railway for Hyderabad-Secunderabad

2895. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had directed the Southern Railway authorities to prepare a project report for a circular railway for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that the feasibility report was submitted to the Railway Board for its approval during December, 1984;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has also come forward to share the cost of the project; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At the instance and cost of Andhra Pradesh State Government, South Central Railway had carried out a techno-economic feasibility study for Circular and allied Rail Transit System for Hyderabad Metropolitan area and submitted in 1984 a report to the State Government and Railway Board.

(c) The State Government offered to provide only 25 per cent of the cost of the project.

(d) (i) State Government is yet to have a detailed project report cleared by Planning Commission.

(ii) The responsibility for development of Metropolitan Transport Systems for cities should largely devolve on various local agencies, including the State Government, such projects being meant for Socio-economic activity of the city.

Total production of sura and its alcohol content

2896. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of bottles of 'Mritsanjivini Sura' and 'Maha Drakshasav' produced in the country during the last three years, each year and upto 31st October, 1986 in 1986-87; and

(b) what is the percentage of alcohol content in 'Mritsanjivini Sura' and 'Maha Drakshasav'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The licensing for the production of drugs of ISM is vested in State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. This Ministry has no information in respect of the quantity of individual drugs manufactured year-wise in the country.

(b) There is no specific limit of Alcoholic percentage according to Ayurvedic classics.

Delays, cancellations of IA flights

2897. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of frequent delays, cancellations and off-loading of passengers on midway stations by Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details thereof indicating the hotel accommodation and other facilities provided to the affected passengers during the last one year; and

(c) the number of suites filed by affected passengers against the airlines during the same period; what is the result of these cases and the amount of money paid by way of damages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are occasional delays in flights operated by Indian Airlines and passengers are offloaded only when the flight cannot proceed to its destination.

(b) Delays, cancellations on en route stations are due to the factors like delayed arrival of incoming flights, adverse weather conditions and occasionally due to technical reasons. Indian Airlines provide meals to the passengers of delayed fights and hotel accommodation for 24 hours to the passengers of cancelled flights. The passengers are accomodated on the first available flight.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Hijacking of Pan-Am plane

2898. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Statesman of 2nd November, 1986 under the caption "Foreign hand in Pan-Am hijacking possible"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The authentic and official account of the unlawful seizure of the Pan-Am airlines at Karachi is awaited

Ministers Heading Sports Associations

2899. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines in regard to appointments of office bearers to the different sports associations in the country;

(b) whether a number of Ministers of Union and State Governments have been appointed Presidents of such Associations, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Government guidelines regarding holding office by an office bearer in national organisations dealing with sports and games stipulates that (1) as office bearer of a National Federation/ Association may hold office as such for one term of 4 years, and may be eligible for re-election for a like term or period.

(2) No such office bearer shall hold office consecutively for more than two terms or 8 years.

Provided that in the event of election for the second term, an office bearer who has completed one term shall only be deemed to have been elected if he/she secures a majority of not less than two-third of the members of the National Federation/Association concerned. In the event of failure to obtain such majority, the concerned office bearer shall be deemed to have lost the election. The office would there-after be filled by election under the normal procedure from amongst candidates other than the office bearer seeking re-election.

(b) Government does not make such appointments.

(c) Does not arise.